

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting - February 25, 2021
Idaho Department of Fish and Game
Legislative Conference Call
Nampa, Idaho**

A meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission was held by telephone conference, attended by Commissioners Brad Corkill, Tim Murphy, Greg Cameron, Lane Clezie, Derick Attebury and Ron Davies. Commissioner Ebert was excused.

IDFG staff present: Deputy Directors Paul Kline and Scott Reinecker; Kathleen Trever, Deputy Attorney General; Mary Boyer and Michael Pearson. IDFG staff participating via phone: Director Schriever, Frank Edelmann, Kim Rau, Greg Wooten, Chip Corsi, J.J. Teare, Jon Rachael, Dan Garren, Kimmarie Sayer, Tom Curet and Owen Moroney, Deputy Attorney General.

Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. MST

LEGISLATION

Paul Kline, Deputy Director presented the updates on legislation.

Update on Fish and Game Legislative Presentations (JFAC, Bills, other) and Budget

JFAC budget setting is going on this morning.

Deputy Director Kline reported that the Department provided testimony last week regarding the Commission's support for HB 187, concerning enforcement of motorized use restrictions in recreational access agreements.

New Bill Analysis for Discussion/Update on Pending Legislation / Action for Policy Position

Deputy Director Kline reviewed the Senate and House bill tracking tables (Appendix 54, Exhibit 13).

There are three new bills HB235, HB237 and HB238 that were just printed yesterday.

HB 235 amends existing law to provide for sage grouse game tags, to revise provisions regarding fees for swan, sage grouse, and sharp-tailed grouse, and to revise provisions regarding violations. This is the revised bill that originated as HB 9.

21-13 Commissioner Attebury moved and Commissioner Murphy seconded a motion that the commission position on House Bill 235 is to support. Motion carries.

HB 237 Adds to existing law to provide for a sage grouse preservation program and to provide for certification. No position taken by the Commission.

HB 238 Amends existing law to classify certain wolves as game animals and certain wolves as predatory wildlife. No position taken by the Commission.

Commission consensus is for the department to provide testimony for HB235 when it is up for a hearing, possibly next week.

Conditional Adoption of Omnibus Fee Rules

Deputy Director Kline presented.

Consistent with Governor's Office direction, this is a temporary rulemaking to ensure continuity of fee rules in the event the Legislature does not take action to approve agency fee rules this session. This temporary rulemaking republishes and adopts the fee rule dockets (Appendix 54, Exhibit 14). These dockets contain fee references for such fees as hunter/archery/trapper education and bonding fees for large commercial wildlife facilities. All of these fee rules were previously approved by the Legislature and remain unchanged. Our Notice of Adoption of Temporary Rules is due to the Division of Financial Management March 4.

21-14 Commissioner Davies moved and Commissioner Cameron seconded a motion that the Commission conditionally adopt as temporary fee rules those rules presented by staff as Docket No. 13-0000-2100F, with these rules to take effect upon the date of adjournment, *sine die*, of the first regular session of the 66th Idaho State Legislature, only to the extent that the Legislature does not pass legislation rejecting or approving the pending fee rules submitted for legislative review in Docket No. 13-0000-2000F, such that those rules are effective through June 30, 2022. This motion incorporates the required findings and concise statement of supporting reasons as provided in the publication notice and authorizes staff to make corrective edits to the rules or publication notice, to effect Commission intent or comply with Governor's Office formatting direction. Motion carries.

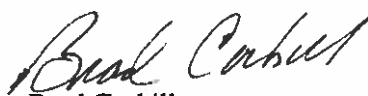
Other Discussion


Chairman Corkill referenced a letter received from former Commissioners Fred Trevey, Keith Stonebraker, Will Godfrey, Keith Carlson and Gary Power dated February 23, 2021 regarding the future of Idaho's wild salmon and steelhead. The Commission addressed this subject in a previous letter sent to the Commission dated October 8, 2019 and a response sent October 30, 2019.

Jim Fredericks, Chief, Fisheries reported that the Department has been very well engaged.

The Commission feels this matter has been addressed and there is not a need to respond to this letter.

Adjourn


Brad Corkill
Chairman


Ed Schriever
Secretary